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### **Asserted Claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,055,516**

1. An electronic sourcing system comprising:
  - a collection of catalogs of items stored in an electronic format;
  - a first set of pre-determined criteria associated with said collection of catalogs;
  - a second set of pre-determined criteria associated with items from each of said catalogs;
  - a catalog selection protocol, said catalog selection protocol relying on said first set of pre-determined criteria to select less than said entire collection of catalogs, and including matching a vendor identification code with a subset of said collection of catalogs, wherein said subset of catalogs includes both a vendor catalog from a predetermined vendor and a second catalog from a predetermined third party that is one of a manufacturer and a competing vendor, said predetermined third party selling items corresponding to items in said vendor catalog; and
  - a search program, said search program relying on said second set of criteria to select specific items from said catalogs determined from said catalog selection protocol.
2. An electronic sourcing system as recited in claim 1, wherein catalogs comprising said collection of catalogs are stored in separate databases.
6. An electronic sourcing system as recited in claim 1, wherein said second set of predetermined criteria includes at least one of a catalog number and item textual information
9. An electronic sourcing system comprising:
  - a collection of catalogs of items stored in an electronic format;
  - a first identification code associated with a first item in a first catalog;
  - a second identification code associated with a second item in a second catalog, said first item and said second item being generally equivalent, and wherein a selection of one identification code from one of said first and second catalogs provides the other identification code from the other of said catalogs.

21. An electronic sourcing system comprising:

a requisition module including data fields, user-generated criteria entered into at least one of said data fields to generate at least partial criteria corresponding to a desired item;

a catalog collection searching module, said searching module including a collection of catalogs of items stored in an electronic format, a catalog selection criteria used to select less than said entire collection, said searching module being used to generate additional search-module criteria for said data fields of said requisition module;

a multiple purchase order generation module, said purchase order generation module creating multiple purchase orders from a single requisition created with said user-generated criteria and said search-module criteria;

wherein each of at least two catalogs include a generally equivalent item from a different source, said requisition module working in combination with said catalog searching module to determine multiple sources for said item;

wherein said multiple sources is limited by said catalog searching module providing a match according to said user-generated criteria, said search-module criteria and a determination system that located items are generally equivalent; and

wherein said determination system includes a cross reference table matching an identification code from a first located item with a second identification code from a second located item.

22. An electronic sourcing system as recited in claim 21, wherein said determination system includes an identical identification code for each of said located items.

29. An electronic sourcing system comprising:

a collection of catalogs of items stored in an electronic format;

a first set of pre-determined criteria associated with said collection of catalogs;

a second set of pre-determined criteria associated with items from each of said catalogs;

a catalog selection protocol, said catalog selection protocol relying on said first set of pre-determined criteria to select less than said entire collection of catalogs, and including matching a vendor identification code with a subset of said collection of catalogs, wherein said subset of catalogs includes both a vendor catalog from a predetermined vendor and a second catalog from a predetermined third party;

a search program, said search program relying on said second set of criteria to select specific items from said catalogs determined from said catalog selection protocol; and

a cross-reference table linking a vendor item catalog number from said vendor catalog with an item catalog number from said predetermined third party.